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The Information Disclosure Statement, filed 11/5/07, has been considered. An initialed copy is provided herewith.

Furthermore, Applicants' foreign priority claim to P.HEI.9-43143 (filed 2/27/97) has been granted as the instant application is a CON of US 09/380,276. The Japanese priority document, as well as the English translation, were received in the '276 application.

Advisory information

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